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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts met on **October 27, 2010 at 8 AM** at the Saddle West Hotel & Casino, Pahrump, Nevada.

1. Roll Call – 8 delegates present: Carl Clinger, Big Meadow CD; Bruce Boyer, Clover Valley CD; Leland Wallace, Esmeralda CD; Maggie Orr, Lincoln County CD; Barbara Perlman-Whyman, Nevada Tahoe CD; Agee Smith, Northeast Elko CD; Joe Sicking, Paradise Sonoma CD; Lyle de Braga, Stillwater CD.

2. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by NvACD President, Pam Griswold, at 8:14 a.m.

3. Public Comment

Liz Warner, NRCS public affairs officer, addressed the group, suggesting that they consider holding the 2011 state assoc. meeting in the Reno/Gardnerville area. She said it would be a good opportunity to revitalize districts and revitalize partnerships. It would be a good chance to educate new supervisors and partners on the roles and responsibilities of districts, and the power district supervisors hold as locally elected officials. Since we will have a new governor, we will have new agency leaders. Chances are better that they will attend a meeting in the Reno/Gardnerville area. She said that there are several new, or fairly new, federal agency leaders, including Farm Service Agency, Rural Development and Forest Service. They would have probably attended this year if it hadn't been so far away from Reno. NvACD would have a better chance of getting Congressional representatives to the meeting. Bruce will have NRCS attend no matter where the meeting is held, but it's harder for other partners to travel too far from their headquarters. In summary, she said having a meeting in the Reno/Gardnerville area will afford conservation districts a better opportunity to engage partners in discussions on how we can work together to keep the land healthy, the water clean, and food safe and affordable in Nevada.

4. Committee Appointments

Members reviewed the 2010 NvACD Committees and requested the following changes for 2011. Add Joe Sicking to the Legislative Committee and remove Mike Griswold from the Public Lands Committee. Carl Clinger moved to approve the NvACD Committees as amended and Joe Sicking seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Regional Chair Appointments

A list of candidates for regional chair appointments were presented from the results of discussion at the previous meeting yesterday.

Northeast Area: VP - Agee Smith, Mark Howell, Bruce Boyer

Western Area: VP – Lyle deBraga, Barbara Perlman-Whyman, Bret Tyler

South Central Area: VP – Leland Wallace, John Hunt, Donna Lamm

A motion was made by Carl Clinger with a second by Maggie Orr to approve the Regional Chair appointments. Motion passed unanimously.

6. State Conservation Commission List

The following individuals were suggested for the State Conservation Commission Nominee list:

Area1: Joe Sicking, Patsy Tomera, Bruce Boyer

Area 2: Al Hawley, Kathy Mort, Chris Freeman

Area 3: Donna Lamm, Maggie Orr, New member – Godfrey

Joe Sicking moved to accept the State Conservation Commission Nominee list as suggested. Bruce Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. NvACD Elections

Nominations from the prior day's meeting were brought to the floor for consideration.

- a) NvACD President for two year term – Pam Griswold was elected unanimously.
- b) NvACD Vice President for two year term – Barbara Perlman-Whyman was elected unanimously.
- c) Council Person for two year term - A written ballot was called for by President Griswold. Chris Freeman received 4 votes and Donna Lamm received 4 votes. The chair broke the tie with a vote for Donna Lamm. Donna Lamm will be the new Council Person.

8. Resolutions

Joe Sicking brought the Livestock Care Standards Board Resolution from the 2009 annual meeting to the floor for amendment. Joe Sicking moved with a second by Leland Wallace to approve the amended resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 1-2010 LIVESTOCK CARE STANDARDS BOARD

Whereas activist groups have signaled they would like to bring an initiative to the state that would set rigid, inflexible and impractical rules for how livestock and poultry are housed and handled including requiring tranquilization of animals before standard branding, de-horning, and castration practices are performed.

Now therefore be it resolved that a Livestock Care Standards Board be created.

The agriculture community believes that the best regulations for animal care will be achieved when all interested parties join together to develop a framework that is both effective and practical for consumers and for producers. The board is the right approach to reach that goal.

The Board will set standards for livestock and poultry care that take into account issues of food safety, local availability and affordability of food and best farm management practices for animal well being ; considered in the context of their impact on animal health, farm/ranch bio-security, disease prevention, food safety and food production.

The Board will be chaired by the Director of the State Department of Agriculture and will be made up of 13 state residents including:

- Director of the State Department of Agriculture
- Three family farmer/ranchers
- Two Veterinarians (one of whom is the state veterinarian)
- A food safety expert
- A representative of an animal welfare organization
- Two members representing statewide farm/livestock organizations
- The Dean of a state agriculture college
- Two members representing the state's consumers

Adopted October 14, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the Big Meadow Conservation District by the following vote:

Aye 3
Nay 0
Absent 1

Vance Vesco Vice Chairman

This resolution was submitted at the 2009 Nevada Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting by the Big Meadow Conservation District.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts' Board of Supervisors on November 4, 2009 and amended by replacing humane society with animal welfare organization at the 2010 Nevada Association of Conservation Districts' Board of Supervisors' meeting. Adopted this 27th day of October, 2010 by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts.

The Pinyon Juniper Resolution submitted by Nevada Tahoe Conservation District was brought to the floor for consideration. Maggie Orr asked who would fulfill the terms of the resolution which was discussed by delegates. Maggie Orr moved to approve the Pinyon Juniper Resolution. A second was offered by Carl Clinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2 - 2010

Pinyon Juniper Resolution

In the matter of procedures of presentation of resolutions and voting at the NvACD Business Meeting.

Whereas, Pinyon pine and Utah juniper (P-J) woodlands are encroaching on Nevada's landscapes, impacting valuable rangeland and wildlife habitat.

Whereas, P-J uses a tremendous amount of water, adversely impacting groundwater, springs and other water bodies in Nevada, decreasing water for plants and wildlife

Whereas, P-J woodlands are encroaching into urban areas and subdivisions, increasing the threat of wildlife and loss of life and property,

Whereas, P-J woodlands are increasing in density, out-competing valuable rangeland plants and increasing the potential for catastrophic wildfire

Whereas, overstocked P-J woodlands are more susceptible to damage from insects and disease,

Whereas, the Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership is a group of private and public organizations, energy groups, and others formed to seek environmentally acceptable treatment with economically sustainable utilization,

Whereas, restoration of a landscape level is imperative for environmental protection and a cost-saving measure,

Whereas, a demonstration project will be established utilizing the best in science, technology, and land management practices,

Whereas a PJ Summit will be held Dec. 8-9, 2010 in Las Vegas,

Now therefore, now let it be resolved, that the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts shall:

Participate as a member of the Nevada P-J Partnership;

Support the Nevada P-J Partnership by distributing information to supervisors, landowners and local partners; and

Assist with action items identified in the Nevada P-J Partnership action plan as appropriate.

Adopted this 27th day of October, 2010 by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts.

9. Next Annual Meeting Date and Location

The location and date for the 2011 NvACD Annual Meeting was discussed. Suggestions were made to increase meeting length from 1 ½ days to 2 ½ days. Delegates also requested that future meetings be held on Highway 50 or Interstate 80 corridors to promote attendance. The first choice for the 2011 NvACD Annual Meeting location was in the Minden/Gardnerville area. Delegates also requested that the meeting be held in early November preferably the first week being careful to avoid the Nevada Cattlemen's Convention and the Nevada Farm Bureau meeting dates. A request was made to have local tours of interest to members available as part of the meeting program.

10. Public Comment – *None*

11. Adjournment – Agee Smith moved to adjourn. A second was offered, the vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.